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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN,

For the Year ending February 15, 1898.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN. APRIL 1, 1897.

Real estate,	$352,445 00
218 polls,	21,800 00
378 horses,	19,520 00
34 oxen,	1,730 00
433 cows,	11,318 00
135 neat,	2,293 00
524 sheep,	1,341 00
5 hogs,	40 00
22 carriages,	1,965 00
Stock in banks,	20,149 00
Stock in trade,	19,350 00
Money on hand and at interest,	27,886 00
Mills and machinery,	14,740 00
	$494,577 00

Rate of taxation, $1.36 on $100.

AMOUNT OF TAX REQUIRED BY LAW AND VOTE OF TOWN.

State tax,	$1,235 00
County tax,	1,009 95
School tax,	1,600 00
Highway tax,	1,500 00
Ordinary town charges,	700 00
Interest on Kingsbury fund,	36 36

Town library,	$74 10
School supplies,	125 00
Memorial day,	50 00
Bonds and interest,	335 00
Percentage,	60 88
Total,	$6,726 29

ORDERS DRAWN TO PAY TOWN OFFICERS.

E. M. Smith, services as moderator,	$3 00
C. M. Dodge, services as supervisor,	5 00
A. J. Belden, services as selectman, 1896,	17 50
F. M. Forrestall, services as selectman, 1896,	65 00
J. S. Prouty, services as selectman, 1896,	112 00
John N. Hodskins, digging graves,	6 00
Fred B. Trow, digging graves,	17 00
John N. Hodskins, digging grave,	3 00
F. B. Trow, digging grave,	4 00
F. J. Marvin, services as town treasurer,	45 00
J. F. Dickey, services as auditor,	2 00
H. D. Dickey, services as auditor,	2 00
F. J. Marvin, services as treasurer school district,	10 00
Fred L. Prentiss, services as town clerk,	25 00
E. M. Smith, retainer and counsel fees,	10 00
S. G. Anderson, services, taking care of town clock,	13 75
C. H. Cooke, services as member school board,	8 00
C. H. Cooke, services as janitor town hall,	4 00
Geo. M. Rogers, services as town and dog constable,	5 00
R. F. Oliver, services as member school board,	17 00
W. W. Dinsmore, services as tax collector,	75 00
Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, services on school board,	20 00
Ceylon M. Dodge, services as constable and police and cash paid out,	13 00
Geo. A. Mayo, services as member school board,	28 00
W. W. Dinsmore, services as hearse driver,	23 50
Mrs. H. A. Wilder, services as librarian,	22 40
F. J. Marvin, services as janitor town hall,	10 00
	$566 15

ORDERS DRAWN FOR ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

Henry W. Porter, abatement watering trough, 1896,	$3 00
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement A. Cameron's poll tax,	1 27
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement E. Livermore estate for over-tax,	1 27
Sentinel Printing Company, printing town reports,	30 00
John P. Kemp, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
L. K. Osborne, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
S. G. Anderson, painting bridge,	23 70
George P. Kingsbury, painting cemetery fence,	75
J. W. Ware, painting hearse house,	12 00
Arvilla S. Dinsmore, damage received on highway, June 18, 1897,	15 00
A. J. Chandler, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
J. A. Rawson, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
J. W. Lyman, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Charles Ellis, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
Henry W. Porter, abatement on watering trough,	3 00
W. H. Spalter, collector's book,	1 50
S. G. Anderson, stove and pipe for town hall, oil and repairing pump, Phillips place,	32 85
F. J. Marvin, treasurer, school board literary fund,	119 17
J. Taylor, returning births and deaths,	1 00
Fred L. Prentiss, returning births, deaths and marriages,	5 40
E. M. Smith, insurance town hall,	20 00
J. S. Way, abatement for over-tax, Emily Glover estate,	2 72
E. C. Eastman, record book for births, deaths and marriages,	6 50
R. F. Oliver, returning births and deaths,	4 50
C. M. Dodge, paid for printing check lists,	4 00
C. A. Milliken, abatement on watering trough,	2 00
R. E. Gates, abatement on watering trough,	2 00

Ware & Kent, repairs on scraper,	$3 53
F. J. Marvin, telephoning, oil, burners, glass, and cash paid cleaning town hall,	9 95
H. A. Lovell, wood, town house,	2 73
J. S. Prouty, cash paid, printing, postage, etc.,	2 19
Fred L. Prentiss, stationery, and team to notify jurors,	4 81
D. O'Brien, abatement for over-tax,	1 36
J. S. Prouty, expense to Keene 6 times and incidentals,	11 28
G. E. Newman, damage to horse,	22 50
W. W. Dinsmore, abatement on taxes,	3 06
M. L. Richardson, cash paid making affidavits,	1 00
	$367 04

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in February and March,	$31 69
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in April,	64 44
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in May,	318 53
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in June,	524 96
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in July,	63 12
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in August,	196 23
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in September,	228 62
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in October,	114 19
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in November,	107 91
A. A. Clark, labor and cash paid on highway in December, January and to February 15, 1898,	66 87
	$1,716 56

COUNTY PAUPERS.

James A. Brown, support of Roseltha Keyes,	$7 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	15 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 00
Prentiss & Marvin, goods furnished Eli Richardson,	3 35
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance, Eli Richardson and Mr. Rumrill,	3 15
Martha Scott, support of self,	12 00
Nancy Smith, support of Abigail Nash,	29 00
James A. Brown, support of Roseltha Keyes,	22 00
J. S. Prouty, taking Roseltha Keyes to county farm,	2 50
Mary M. Richardson, taking care Abigail Nash,	13 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	7 50
Marshall Perkins, medical attendance, Abigail Nash,	10 25
Martha Scott, support of self,	16 00
Martha Scott, support of self,	6 00
Thomas Garrity, clothes for Eli Richardson,	3 05
H. P. Abbott, meat furnished George M. Howard,	1 00
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished George M. Howard,	19 50
Martha Scott, support of self,	3 50
Thomas Garrity, board Eli Richardson to Feb. 15,	8 25
	$200 05

TOWN PAUPERS.

H. A. and A. P. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	$30 00
Nancy Smith, support Abigail Nash;	32 50
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	20 25
E. P. Fish, goods furnished Geo. M. Howard,	40 00
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	11 25
H. A. and A. P. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	36 00
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	18 00
H. A. and A. P. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	25 00
R. F. Oliver, medical attendance Francis Phillips and Geo. M. Howard's family,	13 75

L. Wellington, board John Mead,	$9 00
H. A. and A. P. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	44 00
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	9 00
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	24 75
J. F. Dickey, casket Abigail Nash,	14 00
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	9 00
H. O. Webster, medicine Abigail Nash and Francis Phillips,	1 60
S. M. Dinsmore, medical attendance John Mead,	2 50
L. Wellington, board John Mead,	16 07
J. S. Prouty, cash paid town of Surry, medical attendance Mrs. Mary D. Davis,	10 25
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Francis Phillips,	1 42
H. A. Lovell, goods furnished Francis Phillips,	2 00
H. A. and A. P. Clough, board Francis Phillips,	40 00
H. B. Chapin, keeping tramps,	7 75
	$418 09

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Charles Moultroup,	$7 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Charles Moultroup,	28 00
F. J. Marvin, goods furnished Charles Moultroup,	17 00
	$52 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

Orr Wallace, appraising damages,	$1 00
W. E. Roy, sheep killed by dogs,	109 25
M. F. Green, sheep killed by dogs,	19 95
	$130 20

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

W. H. Spalter, school supplies,	$2 65
F. J. Marvin, treasurer school board, school supplies,	122 35
R. F. Oliver, member school board, school supplies,	75 00
	$200 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

W. W. Colburn, appropriation for Memorial day,	$50 00
	$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

H. A. Lovell, trustee, money for library,	$74 10
	$74 10

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1897,	$1,675 60
Receipts during year,	6,335 44
	$8,011 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements during the year,	$6,454 14
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1898,	1,556 90
	$8,011 04

DEBT.

Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1897,	$3,836 58
Assets, Feb. 15, 1897,	1,840 82
Balance of indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1897,	$1,995 76
Liabilities, Feb. 15, 1898,	$3,623 55
Assets, Feb. 15, 1898,	1,737 45
Balance of indebtedness, Feb. 15, 1898,	$1,886 10
Decrease of indebtedness during year,	109 66

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	$1,675 60
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
License on dogs,	130 20

Cash received from county for county paupers,	$186 68
Cash received from county for dependent soldiers,	52 00
Cash received from rent of town house grounds Oct. 5, 1897,	6 50
Cash received from rent of Phillips place,	11 00
Cash received from G. A. R., rent of rooms,	50 00
Cash received from H. B. Chapin, license of pool table,	10 00
Savings bank tax,	529 69
Literary fund,	107 26
Railroad tax,	90
Amount of warrant for taxes, W. W. Dinsmoor, collector,	5,089 93
Interest on taxes,	20 78
Cash received from F. J. Marvin for rent of hall,	36 50
Cash received from peddler licenses,	4 00
	$8,011 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

Eunice Cheever note,	$100 00
State tax,	1,235 00
County tax,	1,009 95
Orders drawn to pay town officers,	566 15
Orders drawn to pay for ordinary town charges,	367 04
Orders drawn to pay for highways and bridges,	1,716 56
Orders drawn to pay for county paupers,	200 05
Orders drawn to pay for town paupers,	418 09
Orders drawn to pay for public library,	74 10
Orders drawn to pay for dependent soldiers,	52 00
Orders drawn to pay for damages by dogs,	130 20
Orders drawn to pay for school supplies,	200 00
Orders drawn to pay for memorial day,	50 00
Bond paid,	200 00
Interest paid on bonds,	135 00
	$6,454 14
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	1,556 90

LIABILITIES.

Kingsbury fund in treasury,	$606 06
Due school district for literary fund,	107 26
Due fire precinct,	43 90
Due repair cemeteries,	50 58
Town bonds,	2,800 00
Interest on town bonds,	15 75
	$3,623 55

ASSETS.

Due for county paupers,	$57 30
Due for dependent soldiers,	17 00
Due for rent, G. A. R. Post,	6 25
Eunice Cheever's note,	100 00
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	1,556 90
	$1,737 45

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1898.

State tax estimated,	$1,050 00
County tax estimated,	1,000 00
Schools estimated,	1,600 00
Ordinary town charges,	800 00
Roads and bridges,	1,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. PROUTY,
M. F. GREENE,
M. L. RICHARDSON,
Selectman of Alstead.

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that we have attended to the duties assigned to us, and find the accounts of the selectmen properly cast and balanced, and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,
H. D. DICKEY,
Auditors of Town of Alstead.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year ending February 15, 1898.

Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	$1,675 60
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
Received of selectmen, county pauper and dependent soldier claims,	238 68
Peddler license,	4 00
Received of F. L. Prentiss, town clerk, license on dogs,	130 20
Received of selectmen, rent of grounds,	6 50
Received of selectmen, rent of Phillips place,	11 00
Received of selectmen, rent of G. A. R. rooms,	50 00
Received of selectmen, rent of town hall,	36 50
Received of selectmen, license on pool table,	10 00
Received of selectmen, savings bank tax,	529 69
Received of selectmen, literary fund,	107 26
Received of selectmen, railroad tax,	90
Received of selectmen, interest on taxes,	20 78
Received of W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	5,089 93
	$8,011 04

CASH PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

Paid orders of selectmen,	$3,774 19
Eunice Cheever note,	100 00
E. Porter, town bond,	200 00
Coupon on bond,	135 00
Paid state tax,	1,235 00

County tax,	$1,009 95
Cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1898,	1,556 90
	$8,011 04

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

Alstead, N. H., Feb. 16, 1898.

The undersigned, a board of auditors chosen by the town of Alstead to examine the accounts of the officers of said town, hereby certify that they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the account of the treasurer correctly cast and with proper vouchers therefor.

JOHN F. DICKEY,
H. D. DICKEY,
Auditors for the Town of Alstead.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

LABOR AND CASH EXPENDED FOR REPAIRING ROADS.

JANUARY, 1897.

Cash paid Frank Clark, breaking roads,	$5 00
Wesley Blake, breaking roads,	1 95
Wilson Colburn, breaking roads,	1 65

FEBRUARY.

A. A. Clark, labor, breaking roads,	$2 95
Cash paid Charles Milliken, breaking roads,	3 60

MARCH.

A. A. Clark, labor, breaking roads,	$4 50
Cash paid E. Demerse, breaking roads,	1 50
Henry Thayer, breaking roads,	3 15
Charles Smith, breaking roads,	90
William Clark, breaking roads,	2 00
Arthur Shepherd, breaking roads,	82
W. Webster, breaking roads,	82
Frank Lefountain, breaking roads,	50
H. Pratt, breaking roads,	4 05
John Kemp, breaking roads,	2 25
Clough Bros., breaking roads,	2 10
J. D. Smith, breaking roads,	18 39
J. W. Lyman, breaking roads,	2 25
E. Wright, breaking roads,	75
J. Nash, breaking roads,	5 55
Andrew Morrison, breaking roads,	4 00
H. Dickey, breaking roads,	75

APRIL.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$8 50
Cash paid Lewis & Knight,	14 00
Leslie Chandler,	1 88
Henry Metcalf,	1 87
R. Brackett,	3 50
E. Demerse,	1 25
A. H. Burge,	3 90
Milan Green,	85
Andrew Morrison,	3 00
John Kemp,	1 10

MAY.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$38 00
Cash paid Lewis & Knight,	119 50
Herman Clark,	5 00
George Winham,	2 38
Fred Wilson,	2 38
Frank Lyman,	4 75
George Alexander,	2 50
S. G. Anderson, tile.	36 05
F. D. Messer,	10 20
Henry Porter, lumber,	2 00
Wesley Blake,	8 75
R. Brackett,	33 25
Ora Wiggins,	7 87
Leslie Chandler,	10 19
E. Demerse,	18 06
W. Blodgett,	6 88
Jasper Smith,	9 19
Henry Lovell, bolts,	20
Fred Marvin, bolts,	13
Erastus Kidder, repairs,	20
H. Rawson, express,	1 05
Eugene Hodgkins,	13 13
George Tibbets, repairs,	1 00

JUNE.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$42 00
Lewis & Knight,	163 00

R. Brackett,	$35 00
A. M. French,	13 42
Walter Gray,	16 25
Frank Lyman,	2 87
Albert Clough,	1 00
Jasper Smith,	20 00
Charles Smith,	5 00
Lester Gates,	3 75
Leslie Chandler,	8 00
Henry Osborne,	1 88
A. E. Wilder,	2 68
Charles Garrity,	3 00
F. P. Wellman,	3 00
Herman Clark,	4 00
E. P. Hatch,	6 60
Sumner Wilder,	12 00
Charles Wilder,	6 25
Lewis Demerse,	4 00
H. W. Raymond,	5 63
George Long,	10 00
L. K. Osborne,	4 48
E. Demerse,	23 75
Eugene Hodgkins,	26 75
Frank Forristall,	18 00
H. B. Chapin, teams,	3 00
Henry Wellman,	1 63
H. Wilcox, express,	25
Cleon Demerse,	75
Ora Wiggins,	17 25
George Alexander,	2 50
Fred Clark, lumber,	20
Thomas Dinsmore,	7 65
George Cater,	4 94
S. Savory,	17 20
Dana Wilder,	9 00
Gardner Banks, bridge stringers,	4 00
Bert Burroughs,	3 75
Charles F. Pierce, lumber,	38 17

Milan Green,	$5 05
George Porter,	2 50
J. Nash,	3 78
Edward Allen,	7 50
Andrew Morrison,	6 75

JULY.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$10 50
Cash paid Ora Wiggins,	4 20
Arthur Shepherd,	75
Walter Ware,	75
George Alexander,	2 00
Bert Burroughs,	75
Albert French,	9 85
Merrill Kidder,	10 05
George Cater,	3 12
E. P. Hatch,	7 80

AUGUST.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$24 00
Cash paid Ora Wiggins,	9 75
Arthur Shepherd,	1 25
John Dickey,	40
Charles Reed,	1 00
Jasper Smith,	2 50
E. Demerse,	2 50
George Long,	4 25
Charles Garrity,	10 20
Clough Bros.,	9 97
Eugene Hodgkins,	2 50
Dana Wilder,	11 43
Leslie Chandler,	4 38
Charles Smith,	87
P. L. Britton,	2 55
J. Porter,	1 00
F. D. Messer,	5 20
Wesley Blake,	4 06
W. J. Cairns,	5 75
Andrew Chandler,	6 00
Lewis & Knight,	32 00

Frank Forristall,	$3 00
J. B. Wright,	1 25
Wilson Colburn,	1 65

SEPTEMBER.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$31 75
Cash paid George Cater,	18 00
Albert French,	11 10
H. W. Clark,	20 25
W. W. Clark,	5 62
Lewis Demerse,	21 00
Leslie Osborne,	1 28
Henry Osborne,	5 44
George Newman,	19 70
Henry Wellman,	5 43
A. E. Wilder,	2 50
Fred Carr,	3 00
Ora Wiggins,	6 63
Leslie Chandler,	7 50
S. G. Anderson, tile,	11 02
Henry Ball, gravel,	65
Charles Wilder,	8 75
Cleon Demerse,	8 75
Frank Forristall,	57 00
Bert Mack,	7 50
Merrill Kidder,	20 55
Julius Porter,	1 62
E. P. Hatch,	8 40

OCTOBER.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$22 40
Cash paid Ora Wiggins,	6 58
George Holmes, plank and bridge timber,	53 43
Bert Burroughs,	2 50
Jasper Smith,	1 50
Dick Burroughs,	1 00
Walter Ware,	2 50
Lewis & Knight,	3 00
Eugene Hodgkins,	2 50

John Hodgkins,	$1 25
J. Ross,	70
Andrew Morrison,	3 00
George Porter,	2 50
H. W. Raymond,	8 38
John Britton,	1 00

NOVEMBER.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$9 05
Cash paid E. Griffin,	60
Milan Green,	3 25
Clough Bros.,	3 60
Don Still, bridge timber,	4 00
J. W. Lyman,	2 61
J. D. Smith,	2 85
Wesley Blake,	7 35
Frank Forristall, lumber,	2 25
H. W. Raymond,	2 00

DECEMBER.

A. A. Clark, labor,	$0 80
Cash paid George Rogers, sharpening picks and bar,	1 10

JANUARY, 1898.

A. A. Clark, labor, breaking roads,	$4 75

FEBRUARY.

A. A. Clark, labor, breaking roads,	$6 00
Cash paid Arthur Shepherd, breaking roads,	45
S. Savory, breaking roads,	1 44
Frank Forrestall, breaking roads,	1 00
Charles Moulthrop, breaking roads,	4 00
Charles Smith, breaking roads,	1 00
J. W. Lyman, breaking roads,	6 00
Frank Lefountain, breaking roads,	1 88
Henry Hall, breaking roads,	4 80
A. E. Wilder, breaking roads,	1 70
F. D. Messer, breaking roads,	8 57
John Britton, breaking roads,	1 38

Charles Milliken, breaking roads,	$5 10
Milan Green, breaking roads,	4 00
1896, cash paid Edward Allen, breaking roads,	10 05
1896, cash paid Charles Ellis, breaking roads,	1 95
	$1,716 56
Amount raised by vote of town to repair roads,	$1,500 00
Amount used to break roads,	133 50
Amount used to repair roads more than raised,	83 06

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. CLARK,

Road Commissioner for Town of Alstead.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

The trustees have held three meetings during the year, and have made valuable additions to the library, have had a number of volumes rebound, and new catalogues printed.

The financial report is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1897,	$9 64
Cash received from town,	74 10
Cash received for fines and catalogues,	1 25
	$84 99

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid for twenty-six new books,	$34 87
Re-binding thirty-four books,	14 40
Printing catalogues,	18 00
Magazines,	75
Cloth for covering books,	1 04
Postal cards,	15
	$69 21
Cash now in treasury,	$15 78

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. LOVELL, Chairman,
F. J. MARVIN,
REV. W. E. LOCKE,
MRS. S. J. FISH, Secretary,
DR. R. F. OLIVER,
MRS. INA PUTNAM,
Trustees of Library.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

It gives us pleasure to assure the patrons of our schools that we find much to commend in the results of the past year. With possibly one exception, the work accomplished has been quite satisfactory. The school board has been fortunate in securing teachers well suited to the positions they have occupied, and in nearly every instance they have been faithful, earnest and efficient.

There has been less friction than usual in the work, and with few exceptions the schools have been commendably supported by the people. Teachers should invite parents and others interested, to become more frequent visitors. Special effort on their part would be productive of immediate good. There should be more familiarity with present methods; for those only who see the school as it is can justly censure or commend.

At present the greatest obstacle to success is *irregular attendance*, and that is confined to a limited number of families. In a recent report of the superintendent of public instruction, the following points are worthy of thought: "Local sentiment largely determines regular attendance. Most parents desire the education of their children without regard to law, but a few still neglect and ignore the privileges and advantages of free schools. For such there must be a compulsory law, and the demand for an amendment increasing its scope is imperative. Towns should immediately make adequate by-laws to accomplish the desired result."

Of the few to whom the above applies, we ask: Does your child attend school every day when possible? Is the

call for absence reasonably imperative? The public is probably paying ten cents per day for instructing that child—whether present or absent it costs the same. The state undertakes to educate the young that they may become better citizens, and every day when a pupil is absent, something is taken from the public and no equivalent rendered. Is it a fair and honest transaction? But far above this loss to the public is the loss to the child. A lost day never returns, but it leaves an indelible impression upon the mind of the loser which will inevitably be regretted when too late to be retrieved. Parents, do you realize the fearful waste that each passing year records? Let the winter term of No. 13 be an example of promptness; there was not an instance of absence or tardiness.

The schoolhouse in No. 6 needs new floor timbers, and several others need some repairs. A small sum expended now would be in the line of economy.

We have introduced new language books and grammars the past year, a much needed improvement. The admirable method of the new books has aroused a gratifying interest in what is often considered a dry study.

It is encouraging to note that the percentage of attendance throughout the state is gradually increasing; the people are giving more attention to educational matters, and we should be careful that the children of this town have their full share in the fruits of an educational awakening.

It is within our power to increase the efficiency of our schools without increasing their cost. It can be done by a thorough unity of purpose and action. Let every unjust criticism be withheld; every pupil be constant in attendance, and every parent familiar with schoolroom work, lending the moral force of their approval to all worthy means employed, and we should hear little of the complaint that schools are not rendering an equivalent for the amount expended.

The degree of success or failure is frequently determined by the degree of coöperation. Failure does not result so

much from the system employed, as from its indifferent support or overt opposition. The system itself may be defective and may sadly need revision, as we have previously suggested, but it is the best we now have and as such should be supported with a zeal that will overcome defects. We look to the law-making power to remedy imperfections, and to the people to wrest from present conditions the best they will afford.

It is desirable that a law providing for state aid to schools be adopted by the legislature. Rural communities have given many of their best young men and women to help build up the enterprise and wealth of cities, and it is but just that they in turn should contribute of their wealth to sustain in country towns a high standard of schools, and thus more nearly maintain the principle of equal advantages for all.

R. F. OLIVER,
INA L. PUTNAM,
GEO. A. MAYO,
School Board of Alstead.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THREE TERMS.

Ernest Foster, Florence M. Forristall, Ralph W. Forristall, Carrie Cater, Florence Putnam.

FOR TWO TERMS.

Leslie Clough, Willie Abbott, Frank Kingsbury, Fred Stuart, Geo. Webster, Alice M. Porter, Inez M. Porter, Geo. E. Newman, Grace French, Ruby E. French, Mertie M. Griffith, Bessie A. Porter, Mabel M. Hatch.

FOR ONE TERM.

Hattie Clough, Florence Angier, Eunice Reed, Harry Abbott, Guy Dodge, Leon Trow, Guy Moultroup, Guy Webster, Ida Clarke, Minnie Clarke, Louvisa Moultroup, Constance J. Porter, Agnes E. Porter, May S. Page, Irwin E. Page, Carrie Wilder, Dora E. Wilder, Ethel L. Milliken,

Ralph Robbins, Erwin J. Westney, Warren Elliott, Martha Oliver, Mildred Clarke, Clyde Cooke, Ralph Webster, Carroll Hatch, Ernest Hatch, Harold Putnam, Geo. Porter, Fred Hodskins, Eddie G. Carroll, Lizzie D. Carroll, Stanley W. Osborne, Bernice E. Smith, Pearl E. Clarke, Vera I. Clarke, Hazel F. Clarke, Mertie J. Kidder, Albert G. Westney, Edith M. Westney.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School.	Name of Teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	No. of pupils over 15 years.	Av. attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Physiology.	Higher branches.	Vocal music.	Drawing.	Wages per month including board.	Cost of pupil per month.
	SUMMER TERM.																		
No. 2.	Charlotte L. Cooke	10	10		9	10	8	9	9	7	4	2	5	2				$20.00	$2.00
No. 4 G.	Gertrude H. Tebbetts	10	19	3	14	15	18	19	19	18	15		19		4			29.20	1.53
No. 4 P.	Mabel E. Murdough	10	20		18	20	20	20	20	11								26.00	1.30
No. 5.	Nellie C. Derby	10	25		20	14	18	18	18	13	8	4	8	4				26.00	1.04
No. 6.	M. Adelaide Morse	10	17	2	14	15	15	15	13	11	3	3	11	13	1			24.00	1.41
No. 7.	Edna M. Chandler	10	8		4	8	8	4	6	2	1						15	20.00	2.50
No. 10.	E. Viola Fisher	10.6	6	1	5.9	6	6	6	6	6	2	1						19.00	3.16
No. 12.	Gertrude E. Morgan	10	20	1	17	20	20	20	17	14	7		14	2	2		17	28.00	1.40
No. 13.	Lora A. Washburn	9	8	2	7.9	8	8	7	5	4	2	2					4	18.00	2.25
	FALL TERM.																		
No. 2.	Charlotte L. Burge	14	10		9	9	10	9	9	8	5	2	5	2				20.00	2.00
No. 4 G.	Carrie W. Carpenter	10	23	5	19	23	23	23	23	21	23	6	23	23	2			28.00	1.22
No. 4 P.	Elizabeth C. Wilder	10	22		20	22	22	22	22	5	5			22				26.00	1.18
No. 5.	Nellie C. Derby	10	23		17	23	23	23	23	14	14	2		23				26.00	1.13
No. 6.	Eululoo T. White	10	17	2	15	17	17	17	16	14	5	4	5		1			24.00	1.41
No. 7.	Clara H. Coburn	8	9		6	9	9	9	9	7	5	3					5	20.00	2.22
No. 10.	Alice E. Adams	9.8	7	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	4	3	6		1	7		19.00	2.71
No. 12.	Gertrude E. Morgan	11	14	1	12	14	14	14	12	7	9		9		1		12	28.00	2.00
No. 13.																			
	WINTER TERM.																		
No. 4 G.	Carrie W. Carpenter	10	21	3	16	20	20	20	20	18	18	8	20	20	11			29.00	1.38
No. 4 P.	Elizabeth C. Wilder	10	22		17	22	22	22	22	9	7			22				26.00	1.18
No. 5.	Nellie C. Derby	10	16		14	16	16	16	16	15	13	8		16				26.00	1.62
No. 6.	Eululoo T. White	10	14	3	13	14	14	14	14	12	8	5	8		2			24.00	1.71
No. 7.	Clara H. Coburn. / Bessie L. Nash	8	9		6	9	9	9	9	7	5	3						20.00	2.22
No. 10.	Alice E. Adams	8	8	2	7	8	8	8	8	8	6	3	6		1	8	8	19.00	2.37
No. 12.	Gertrude E. Morgan	9	19	7	16	19	19	19	19	11	17		17		2		17	28.00	1.47
No. 13.																			

TABLE.

Division.	First Term.					Second Term.					Third Term.				
	Absentees half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absentees half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.	Absentees half days.	Instances tardiness.	Visitors.	Visits by board.	Perfect attendance.
No. 2	58	15	17	1	2	74	23	14	2	1					
No. 4, Grammar	255	56	41	1	4	419	67	29	4		478	46	36	4	2
No. 4, Primary	108	6	44	2	9	207	12	25	3	4	442	12	19	2	6
No. 5	291	9	33	3	6	216	2	44	2	4	131	14	8	1	3
No. 6	299		8	1	6	230	56	17	4	2	118	33	18	2	4
No. 7	286	3	8	2	1	31	21	21	2	2	212	8	7	3	3
No. 10	14	4	7	3	2	8		35	3	4	75	1	10	4	3
No. 12	316	5	11	3	1	197	1	13	2	2	304	2	2	2	4
No. 13	10		9	3	5										

TOWN SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Orders issued by C. H. Cooke and R. F. Oliver, members of school board:

Frank Bolio, 5 cords wood, No. 4,	$15 00
Bertrand Howard, sawing and housing 5 cords wood,	3 75
Lewis & Knight, freight on school supplies,	2 05
Bertrand Howard, cleaning closets,	1 00
Mr. Barlow, part pay transportation,	5 00
Geo. Kingsbury, paint and work on board,	85
H. C. Rawson, express on supplies,	1 35
Mr. Barlow, part pay transportation,	10 00
Mrs. Ellen Buxton, cleaning schoolroom,	3 00
C. H. Cooke, school supplies per bill,	43 82
G. M. Rogers, board of teacher 10 weeks, No. 10,	25 00
Thomas Garrity, board of teacher 10 weeks, No. 2,	20 00

Mr. Barlow, balance for transportation,	$11 05
Mrs. Fitzgerald, transportation Willie and Charlie, 32 days,	6 40
Ezra Lufkin, care house No. 4,	1 50
Miss Gertrude Tebbetts, teaching 10 weeks,	45 00
Mrs. C. E. Murdough, teaching 10 weeks,	65 00
Miss Lottie L. Cooke, teaching 10 weeks, No. 2, and care of house,	31 00
Miss Gertrude Tebbetts, fare one way,	3 00
R. L. Oliver, express on books and supplies,	1 40
Werner School Book Co., 18 dozen copy books,	17 28
Geo. Howe, repairs on school wall, No. 4,	3 50
Frank Copeland, repairs No. 2,	1 00
Leach, Sewell & Sanborn, supplies,	5 70
Rand, McNally Co., school supplies,	18 00
University Publishing Co., school supplies,	13 83
J. L. Blanchard, tinting wall No. 4,	20 00
Ira Fowler, cleaning wall,	2 70
Werner School Book Co., primers,	6 00
Miss E. B. Wilder, on account teaching,	6 50
G. E. Holmes, wood for No. 4,	1 35
Miss E. B. Wilder, 3 weeks teaching, No. 4,	19 50
Charles E. Barlow, transportation 5 scholars 6 weeks, $2.50 per week,	15 00
Miss Carrie W. Carpenter, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	45 00
Miss E. B. Wilder, balance teaching 10 weeks,	39 00
Willie Abbott, care of house No. 4,	3 00
Cold River Journal, printing 500 text book labels,	1 00
Geo. M. Rogers, boarding teacher 10 weeks, No. 4,	25 00
H. C. Rawson, express on books,	3 15
Miss C. W. Carpenter, material for flag,	60
Geo. W. King & Co., pens and postage,	1 14
Werner School Book Co., bill of books,	8 44
D. P. Kingsbury, repairs on clocks,	75
American Book Co., books,	57 24
Calvin Fitzgerald, transportation 12 weeks,	12 00

Charlotte L. Burge, teaching 14 weeks, No. 2, and care of house,	$71 50
Charles Barlow, transportation,	16 50
E. B. Wilder, one week's teaching account, winter term,	6 50
Charles Barlow, transportation Long children,	3 25
E. B. Wilder, 2 week's teaching, winter term,	13 00
Educational Publishing Co., supplies,	3 30
Werner School Book Co., supplies,	6 91
Carrie W. Carpenter, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	45 00
E. B. Wilder, balance due, teaching 10 weeks, No. 4,	45 50
F. L. Prentiss, supplies, per bill,	4 38
H. D. Dickey, repairs on house No. 4,	2 00
W. P. Abbott, care house winter term, No. 4,	6 00
H. O. Webster, ink powders,	1 00
H. A. Lovell, supplies,	1 64
S. G. Anderson, supplies,	75
G. M. Rogers, boarding Miss Carpenter,	27 50
Thomas Garrity, wood No. 2,	6 00
F. J. Marvin, supplies,	4 82
F. W. Clarke, load slab wood, No. 4,	1 00
	$888 37

Orders issued by G. A. Mayo, member school board:

Mrs. W. S. Brown, cleaning schoolroom No. 12,	$1 50
Mrs. H. W. Raymond, cleaning schoolroom No. 10,	1 25
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching, No. 12,	5 00
J. W. Lyman, wood, No. 12,	6 25
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching, No. 12,	10 00
Viola Fisher, teaching, No. 12,	20 25
Stanley Osborn, building fires, No. 10,	50
Lora A. Washburn, teaching 9 weeks, No. 13, including board and care of house,	41 00
M. J. Kidder, boarding teacher, summer term, No. 10,	20 25
G. M. Howard, attendance of scholars,	10 50
J. P. Kemp, attendance of scholars,	3 15

Frank LaFountain, attendance of scholars,	$2 24
Don H. Hill, attendance of scholars,	2 43
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching school, including board, No. 12,	55 00
Mrs. J. W. Ross, cleaning schoolhouse and other work, No. 13,	1 75
Ted Taylor, building fires, No. 12,	50
Gertrude E. Morgan, teaching No. 12,	15 00
Alice E. Adams, teaching 10 weeks, No. 10,	47 50
Lora Washburn, teaching 10 weeks, No. 13, including board,	50 00
Frank LaFountain, attendance of children at school,	2 30
G. E. Morgan, balance for teaching 11 weeks, No. 12,	62 00
Lora A. Washburn and Charlie Ross, building fires, No. 13,	1 00
Ted Taylor, building fires, No. 12,	1 00
M. J. Kidder, wood furnished No. 10,	9 37
G. E. Morgan, teaching, No. 12,	5 00
G. E. Morgan, teaching, No. 12,	5 00
Triphena Butterfield, teaching 8 weeks, including board, No. 13,	24 00
Alice E. Adams, teaching 8 weeks, No. 11, including board,	38 00
Joel T. Mayo, sawing and housing 2½ cords wood, also 1 cord furnished,	5 37
C. C. Colburn, boarding teacher, 8 weeks, No. 13,	16 00
Ethel Milliken, building fires, No. 13,	1 20
Marshall Priest, wood furnished No. 13,	4 50
G. E. Morgan, teaching in No. 12, including board,	53 00
Frank LaFountain, mileage 1 scholar,	1 22
Don H. Hill, mileage 2 scholars,	1 98
G. M. Howard, mileage 1 scholar,	1 58
Ted Taylor, building fires, No. 12,	1 50
Geo. E. Newman, Jr., building fires, fall term, No. 10,	1 00

Geo. E. Newman, Jr., building fires, winter term, No. 10,	$1 20
	$530 29

Orders issued by Mrs. Ina L. Putnam, member of school board:

Mrs. Lillian Wilder, cleaning schoolhouse and vaults, districts 5, 6, 7,	$4 50
Chas. H. Wilder, sawing and housing 2 cords wood, No. 6,	1 70
Nellie C. Duley, teaching 10 weeks, No. 5,	65 00
Miss M. A. Morse, teaching 9⅗ weeks, No. 6,	57 60
Edna M. Chandler, teaching 10 weeks, No. 7,	34 00
Mrs. J. H. Porter, board of teacher 10 weeks, No. 7,	16 00
Clara Hale Colburn, teaching 4 weeks, No. 7,	20 00
Nellie C. Duley, teaching 5 weeks, No. 5,	32 50
Arthur Putnam, 4⅕ cords wood, district No. 5,	10 50
Charles Wilder, sawing and putting in 4⅕ cords wood,	3 57
Clara H. Colburn, teaching 6 weeks, No. 7,	30 00
Nellie C. Duley, teaching 5 weeks, No. 5,	32 50
Miss E. F. White, teaching 10 weeks, No. 6,	60 00
James L. Nash, transportation of pupils, for spring and fall terms,	16 75
Clara Colburn, teaching 3 weeks, No. 7,	15 00
Fred W. Hodskins, building fires, No. 7,	1 60
Mrs. J. H. Porter, boarding teacher 5 weeks, No. 7,	10 00
Bessie L. Nash, teaching 5 weeks, No. 7,	15 00
Miss E. S. White, teaching 10 weeks, No. 6,	60 00
Nellie C. Duley, teaching 10 weeks, No. 5,	65 00
Harold Putnam, building fires, No. 5,	2 00
Irving Page, building fires, No. 6,	2 00
J. L. Nash, transportation, No. 6,	7 50
	$562 72
Total amount of expenditures,	$1,981 38

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, February 15, 1897,	$27 55
Cash received of R. F. Oliver, primers sold,	30
Cash received of town of Langdon, tuition, 1897,	27 87
Cash received of selectmen, literary fund,	119 17
Cash received of selectmen, for school supplies,	197 35
Cash received of G. A. Mayo, grass sold,	50
Cash received of W. W. Dinsmore, collector,	1,636 36
	$2,009 10
Total amount received,	$2,009 10
Expenditures,	1,981 38
Cash on hand, February 15, 1898,	$27 72

F. J. MARVIN,
Treasurer.

Alstead, N. H., February 20, 1898.

I hereby certify that I, as auditor of the accounts of the town school district of Alstead, find them properly cast, with sufficient vouchers therefor.

CHAS. L. LINSLEY,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 10		M		L	5	W	Prentiss L. Britton.	L. R. Griffith.	W	Alstead.	Farmer.	Alstead.	Keene.	26	20
" 10		M		"	8	"	Geo. H. Burroughs.	Ida M. Willis.	"	"	"	"	Acworth. [Vt.	51	40
Mar. 26			F	"	1	"	Harlan J. Pratt.	J. Emerson.	"	"	"	"	Saxtons River,	25	23
May 9		M		"	6	"	Hiram Page.	Annie Whipple	"	"	Miller.	Concord, Vt.	Maine.	36	29
July 1		M		"	1	"	Geo. E. Pratt.	O. B. Comstock.	"	"	Farmer.	Alstead.	Walpole.	27	26
Aug. 4		M		S	3	"	Dana D. Wilder.	Stella Sexton.	"	"	"	Wallingf'rd, Vt	Rocki'gh'm, Vt	23	25
" 27		M		L	2	"	George Alexander.	Stella Carp'nt'r	"	"	"	Gilsum.	Surry.	23	28
" 29		M		"	1	"	Stephen Jarvay.	Magda Kis.	"	"	Laborer.	Hungary.	Hungary.	25	17
Sept. 8		M		"	2	"	Stephen Amerit.	Susie ——	"	"	Farmer.	"	"	26	27
" 15			F	"	2	"	Herbert W. Greene.	F. M. Robbins.	"	"	"	Alstead.	Langdon.	32	23
" 21	Victoria Webster		F	"	3	"	Herbert M. Webster.	S. J. Webster.	"	"	"	"	Danville, P. Q.	30	29
" 20		M		"	1	"	Cleon R. Demerse.	F. Ellen Gray.	"	"	"	"	Keene.	24	17
" 21	Elizab'h Webst'r		F	"	4	"	Herbert M. Webster.	S. J. Webster.	"	"	"	"	Danville, P. Q.	30	29
" 27		M		"	4	"	Henry H. Hall.	Nettie Burrett.	"	"	"		Sweden.	45	34
Oct. 16	Merritt Barlow.	M		"	8	"	Charles E. Barlow.	Ellie E. Wilcox	"	"	"	Bridport, Vt.	Hague, N. Y.	38	37
Nov. 27			F	"	2	"	J. L. Blanchard.	Lena M. Fifield	"	"	Painter.	Manister, Mich	Bellows Falls,	35	24
" 27		M		"	3	"	J. L. Blanchard.	Lena M. Fifield	"	"	"	"	" [Vt.	35	24

Marriages Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Aug. 14	Bellows Falls [Vt.	S. G. Anderson.	Alstead.	29	W	Tinsmith.	Alstead.	G. H. Anderson	Alstead.	Carpenter.	1st	Rev. F. W. Lewis, [Vt.
		Nellie E. Pollard.	East Lempster	20	"		E. Lempster.	Fr'k G. Pollard.		Farmer.	1st	Rockingham,
Sept. 2	Charlest'wn.	Wm. Allen Gould.	Bellows Falls, [Vt.	30	"	Carpenter.	Chester, Vt.	Jas. A. Gould.	Chester, Vt.	Carpenter.	2d	Rev. E. T. Blake,
		Mary L. Landon.	Alstead.	21	"		Charlest'wn.	Frank Bates.		Farmer.	2d	Charlestown.
Dec. 1	Alstead.	Geo. E. Warner.	Andover, Vt.	26	"	Blacksmith.	E. Wallingf'd [Vt.	Colton Warner		Carpenter.	2d	Rev. I. B. Stuart,
		Etta M. Wiggin.	"	18	"		Andover, Vt.	H. F. Wiggin.		Farmer.	1st	Alstead.
" 18	Gilsum.	Thomas D. Miller.	Acworth.	30	"	Farmer.	Langdon.	Harvey Miller.			1st	Rev. L. E. Perry,
		Floren'E. Demerse	Alstead.	18	"		Keene.	Chas. H. Gray.			1st	Gilsum.
" 27	East Alstead.	Herman A. Smith.	"	29	"	"	Alstead.	Erastus Smith.		Farmer.	1st	Rev. W. E. Locke,
		Clara E. Scott.	Stoddard.	18	"		Stoddard.	John Scott.	Stoddard.	"	1st	East Alstead.
" 29	"	Wm. E. Servens.	Winchendon, [Ms.	24	"	Fireman.	Walpole.	Wm. Servens.			1st	Rev. W. E. Locke,
		Lora A. Washburn.	Alstead.	27	"	Teacher.	Alstead.	H. Washburn.			1st	East Alstead.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Conditi'n Male.	Sex and Conditi'n Female.	Sex and Conditi'n Color.	Sex and Conditi'n S., M., W.*	Occupation.	Place of Birth. Father.	Place of Birth. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 2	Willard Grant.	87	4	17	Alstead.	M		W	M	Farmer.		Alstead.	Jesse Grant.	Thankful Finnis.
Mar. 3	Emily R. Austin.	57	2	15	"		F	"	M	Housewife.			Daniel Nash.	Abigail Howard.
" 26	Jos. P. Forristall.	80	5	2	"	M		"	M	Farmer.	Troy.		John Forristall.	Mary Porter.
May 12	Chas. E. Cooke.	73	7	8	"	M		"	M	Iron founder.	Alstead.	Langdon.	Arvah Cooke.	—— Willard.
" 22	Anna L. Thayer.	61	9	15	"		F	"	M	Housewife.	Lancaster, Ms.	Walpole.	A. Falkner.	Harriet Stratton.
June 25	Abigail Nash.	87	3	6	"		F	"	W				Phillip Howard.	Ruth Hodskins.
Sept. 14	Geo. A. Brooks.	71	5		"	M		"	M	Tool maker.			Fred'k Brooks.	Susan Barker.
Oct. 13	Abigail H. Holt.	87	4	1	"		F	"	M	Housewife.			W. Bennett.	Abigail Cram.
Nov. 14	Sarah S. Barrus.	79	8	3	"		F	"	M	"	Alstead.		A. E. Taylor.	—— Priest.
Oct. 20	Sarah A. Baggs.	66			"		F	"	W		Whately, Ms.		Eleazer Allis.	
" 24	Merritt R. Barlow.			9	"	M		"			Bridport, Vt.	Hague, N. Y.	Chas. E. Barlow.	Effie E. Wilcox.
Nov. 1	Jarvis C. Walker.	72	10	15	"	M		"	M	Farmer.	Langdon.	Natick, Ms.	Gilson Walker.	Abigail Carter.
" 27					"	M		"			Manister, Mich	Bellows Falls,	J. L. Blanchard.	Lena M. Fifield.
" 27					"		F	"			"	" [Vt.	J. L. Blanchard.	Lena M. Fifield.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. FRED L. PRENTISS, Town Clerk.

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